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AMENDMENT

Applicants are in receipt of the Office Action dated August 19, 2005 of the above-referenced application. A request for a one-month extension of time is submitted herewith. Please amend the application as follows:

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 4 of this paper.